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**1. Military:**

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a. The following units are currently stationed at PLOVDIV:

1. 9th Infantry Regiment.

2. A motorized Artillery Regiment (unit designation unknown), unit strength approximately 1,000 men. 50X1-HUM

b. There are also military barracks approximately 8 kilometers west of PLOVDIV.

c. The 1929, 1930, and 1931 classes are currently serving in the Bulgarian Army. reservists from the 1910 to 1925 classes are being recalled to duty. 50X1-HUM

d. Approximately 15 to 20 twin- and tri-motored planes are based at an airfield located approximately 5 kilometers from PLOVDIV.

e. The "Trud" airfield, approximately 11 kilometers north of PLOVDIV, has been under construction for the past three years.

**2. Transportation:**

a. Highway and rail arteries connect PLOVDIV with SVILENGRAD, SOFIA, ASENOVGRAD, PESHTERA, PANAGYURISHTA and KARLOVO.

b. Alternate rail lines have been constructed north and south of PLOVDIV, to insure rail connection between PLOVDIV and SOFIA, in case the main line PLOVDIV-SVILENGRAD-SOFIA is put out of commission or destroyed.

c. A rail-loading ramp, approximately 10 kilometers west of PLOVDIV, was constructed sometime during 1950. The ramp, 200 meters long and 30 meters wide, is used for loading and unloading tanks and guns.

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3. Industry:

a. The following industrial plants are located in PLOVDIV and vicinity.

1. "Georgi Dimitrov" steel plant is manufacturing agricultural machines, stoves and other various steel products. The plant employs approximately 3,000 workers and is operating on three shifts per day.
2. A sugar refinery, employing approximately 2,400 workers, is operating on three shifts per day.
3. There are 2 rice decortication mills, 4 textile plants, 8 leather tanneries and a fertilizer plant in the north section of PLOVDIV.
4. In the east section of PLOVDIV are several plants: silk mill, Preserve and jam plant, and Paperboard plant.

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